Inclusion of different castes in SC/ST list

†1648. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different castes have been included in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in each State of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to this system, many people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are getting deprived of the facilities available to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) In view of Article 341(1) and 342(1) of the Constitution, the specification of communities as Scheduled Castes - and Scheduled Tribes has been done in respect of a State/Union Territory and the details thereof are contained in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders and the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Orders as amended from time to time. The benefits are accordingly admissible to them.

Proposals for grants to Rajasthan

1649. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from Rajasthan Government for Central grants during the last three years and the status of their disposal;

(b) the number of proposals pending at present; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for the speedy disposal of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) In the year 2007-08, so far 93 proposals under various NGO schemes have been received. These proposals are at various stages of processing. In respect of the proposals for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07, the information is being collected.

Reservation for upper caste

†1650. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the statement made by the Prime Minister and the Leader of Opposition wherein they have pleaded for giving the facility of reservation to the poor people of upper castes;

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